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MEMORANDUM on the ESTIMATED TRUE IRISH CONTRIBUTION to the REVENUE of the YEAR 1912-13 in respect of NEW and ADDITIONAL TAXATION imposed by the FINANCE (1909-10) ACT, 1910.

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In the following memorandum an attempt is made to estimate the true Irish contribution to the revenue of the year 1912-13 in respect of the new and additional taxation imposed by the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910. The method adopted for estimating the yield of increased duties has been to frame for each head of revenue an estimate of the Irish contribution in 1912-13 on the basis of the duty in force before the passing of the Act, the excess of the actual contribution in 1912-13 over this estimate being the estimated contribution in respect of the increased duties. It must be borne in mind that while the Irish contribution to Imperial Taxes is known approximately, there is a large area of taxation in regard to which, with the existing data and the existing administrative machinery, no exact calculations are possible. The figures must, therefore, to a large extent, be regarded as approximate only, though they represent the best information at the disposal of the Government.

The figures relating to the Irish contribution 1912-13 are of later date than, and are intended to replace, the provisional estimates given in Command Paper 6844 of this session.

Estimated True Irish Contribution to the Revenue of the Year 1912-13 in respect of the New and Increased Duties imposed by the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910.

Head of Duty.	Irish Contribution, 1909-10.	Irish Contribution, 1912-13.	Change or Deficit shown by comparison of 1912-13 with 1909-10.	Estimated Irish Contribution in 1912-13 on the basis of Duties in force before the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910.	Estimated Irish Contribution to New and Increased Duties imposed by Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910.
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.					
Spirits	2,268,000	2,262,000	- 5,000	2,090,000(e)	182,000
Tobacco	1,409,000	1,778,000	+ 369,000	1,493,000(f)	285,000
Motor Spirit	-	24,000	+ 24,000	-	24,000
Liquor Licences (including Club Duty).	167,000	251,000	+ 84,000	165,000(e)	65,000
Other Licences	47,000	63,000	+ 16,000	45,000(e)	17,000
INLAND REVENUE.					
Estate, &c. Duties	716,000	987,000	+ 271,000	747,000(d)	240,000
Stamps	311,000	372,000	+ 61,000	338,000	89,000(e)
Income Tax (including Super Tax).	1,154,000	1,684,000	+ 530,000	1,306,000	278,000(f)
Land Value Duties	-	5,000	+ 5,000	-	5,000
	5,972,000	7,208,000	1,236,000	6,072,000	1,136,000

NOTES.

(a) Spirits.—The system of "permits" enables the quantities of spirit "reserved for consumption" in England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively, and therefore the true contribution of each country to the spirit revenue, to be accurately ascertained. In 1912-13 the total spirit revenue was £23,309,000, and the Irish contribution £2,262,000, almost exactly 10 per cent. It is estimated, on grounds explained in paper Cd. 5829 of 1913, that the total spirit revenue of 1912-13, if the duty had not been raised in 1909, would have been £20,800,000. The true Irish revenue on the same basis is therefore estimated at £2,090,000.

(b) Tobacco.—The estimated Irish contribution in 1909-10 is based on data obtained for the year 1903-4, and the estimated contribution for 1912-13 on data obtained for the year 1910-11. It is estimated that, if the duty had not been raised in 1909, the total revenue of the United Kingdom in 1912-13 would have been £14,500,000, in which case the Irish contribution, on the basis of the 1910-11 data, would have been £1,493,000.

(c) Liquor Licences and Other Licences.—The receipts from Liquor Licences in Ireland were declining before the alterations of duties made by the 1909 Budget, but the receipts from Other Licences were slightly increasing.

(d) Based on net capital charged with duty at the various rates in force before the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910.

(e) Based on statistics showing the revenue derived from certain classes of deeds where the Stamp Duties were increased by the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910.

(f) Based on the estimated contribution to Super Tax together with the tax received in respect of the increase of 2d. in the £ imposed by the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910, after deduction of amount allowed by way of relief for children.

Comparison of Estimates now treated with those given in House of Commons Paper 128 of 1910.

In House of Commons Paper 128 of 1910 an estimate was given of the annual Irish contribution to the revenue to be derived from the new and additional taxation imposed by the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910, when the duties should have become fully productive. The estimate was exclusive of Spirits, Liquor Licences, and Land Value Duties, and, as regards Motor Spirit and Motor Car Licencees, no allowance was made for the probable growth in the number of cars. The figures given in House of Commons Paper 128 of 1910 and in this Paper may be compared as follows:—

Table of New and Increased Duties.	As estimated in H.C. 128 of 1910.	As estimated in this Paper.
	£	£
(i) On Tobacco, Estate Duty, Stamps, and Income Tax (including Super Tax) -	578,000	842,000
(ii) On Motor Spirit and Motor Car Licencees -	24,000	41,000
(iii) On Spirits, Liquor Licences, and Land Value Duties -	(Incomplete estimate). Not estimated	230,000
	600,000	1,146,000